

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

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Please replace the first paragraph of this application with the following paragraph, written in amendment format:

**[0001]** This application is a ~~divisional~~ continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/497,467, filed February 3, 2000, which claims priority of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/118,959, filed February 4, 1999, the disclosures of all of which are incorporated by reference.